GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Forest Department – Kolleru Wild life Sanctuary – Allegation of misappropriation of Govt. funds in Wildlife Division, Eluru, West Godavari District – COI findings received - Disciplinary case finalized- Furher action dropped against Sri K.Potha Raju, FSO(Retd) and Sri G.Ramakrishna, FBO(Retd) - Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.47 Dated:18-08-2017.

Read the following:

1. G.M. No. 8899/For.IV/A1/2009-1, dt. 8.1.2010.
2. From the PCCF, Lr. Ref. No. 18557/2007/P1, dt.4.12.2012.
3. From the PCCF, Lr. ref. No. 18557/2007/K3, dt.24.04.2014.
4. G.M. No. 8899/For.IV/A1/2009, dt. 27.09.2014.
5. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 18557/2007/Vig-3(i)&(ii), dt. 21.02.2015.
6. G.M. No. 8899/For.IV/A1/2009/sf.2, dt. 02.12.2015.
7. From the PCCF, Lr. Rc. No. 18557/2007/Vig-3, Dt.16.02.2015.
8. G.O.Rt.No.2309, GA(SC.D) Dept., dt. 30.07.2015.
9. G.M.No. 8899/For.IV/A1/2009, dt.11.07.2016.
10. U.O. Note No.213/SC.D/A2/2009, dt. 03.01.2017(Inquiry Report)
11. G.M. No.8899/For.IV/A1/2009, dt. 17.01.2017.
12. From the PCCF Lr. Rc. No. 18557/2007/A&DC-2, dt.22.05.2017.

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In the reference 1st read above, Government instructed Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests to initiate departmental action against Sri K.Potha Raju, Forest Section Officer(Retd) and Sri G.Ramakrishna, Forest Beat Officer(Retd) on the allegation of misappropriation of funds by the forest staff in preparation of bills relating to construction of boundary pillars and watch towers at Kolleru Lake as pointed by Anti Corruption Bureau in Eluru Division.

2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru has issued Article of Charge against Sri K.Potha Raju, Forest Section Officer and Sri G. Rama Krishna, Forest Beat Officer vide his Rc.No.1512/10-S3, dated:15.6.2010 as submitted below:

Sri K. Potha Raju, FSO:

Article:- 1.Though the work i.e., construction of boundary pillars and watch towers were not completed, the Government Servant had recorded the measurements in M.Books as if the works were completed and prepared the bills and signed on the bills to submit the same to the Pay and Accounts Officer, Eluru for releasing the payments illegally.

2.The Government Servant by illegal acts have attempted to misappropriate huge amounts of Government money and thereby tried to cause pecuniary advantage for himself and for the contractors.

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3. The Government Servant is not Technical person, i.e., neither Civil Engineer nor Diploma holder to supervise the work and to record the measurements in the M.Books. But, he resorted to record the measurements at his own accord without following the procedure of recording measurements in M.Books.

4. The Government servant check measured the works executed under EDC programme and thereby facilitated to attempt to draw lakhs of Rupees from the Account without executing the works.

Sri G.Rama Krishna, Forest Beat Officer (Retired):

Article :-

1. Though the work i.e., construction of boundary pillars and watchtowers were not completed, the Government Servant had recorded the measurements in M. Books, as if, the works were completed and prepared the bills and signed on the bills to submit the same to the Pay and Accounts Officer, Eluru, for releasing the payments illegally.

2. The Government servant by his illegal acts have attempted to misappropriate huge amount of government funds and there by caused pecuniary advantage for himself and for the contractors.

3. The Government servant is not technical person i.e., neither Civil Engineer nor Diploma holder to supervise the work and to record the measurements in the M.Books. But, he reported to record the measurements at his own accord without following the procedure of recording measurements in M. Books.

3. Government vide G.O.Rt.No.2309, GA(SC.D) Dept., dt.30.07.2015 has appointed Sri S.A. Huda, IPS., Commissioner of Inquiries, GAD(COI) Dept., as Inquiring Authority to conduct inquiry against the A.Os.

4. Further, Government have ordered for release of 90% of the pensionery benefits in respect of Sri K.Potha Raju, Deputy Range Officer(Retd), subject to finalisation of enquiry by the Commissioner of Inquiry. It was also ordered to release the Gratuity due to Sri K.Potha Raju, FSO (Retd) vide G.M. No.8899/For.IV/A1/2009, dt.11.07.2016.

5. The Commissioner of Inquiries has conducted the enquiry and furnished the enquiry report vide U.O. Note. No. 213/SC.D/A2/2009, G.A.(SC.D) Department, dt.03.01.2017. In the findings of the Inquiry Report the charges framed against the A.Os are not proved.

6. The Charged Officers retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 of AP Revised pension Rules, 1980.

7. With reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, the remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and material made available, Government have observed that the charges framed against the Charged Officers are held not proved.

8. Government, after careful examination of the matter hereby order to drop further action against Sri K. Potha Raju, FSO (Retd) and Sri G.Rama Krishna, FBO (Retd) of Wild life Division of Eluru, W.G. District under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur is directed to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur.
The Individuals (through Principal Chief Conservator of Forests).
Copy to:
The Accountant General (A&E) A.P., Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam, A.P.
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SECTION OFFICER